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In re application of: Takashi SHIKAMA et al.

Divisional Application of Parent Serial No.: 09/337,988

Filing Date: Concurrently herewith

**For: BEAD INDUCTOR AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING SAME**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, before the first paragraph, please add the following new paragraph:

This application is a Divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/337,988 filed June 22, 1999, currently pending.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-11 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

REMARKS

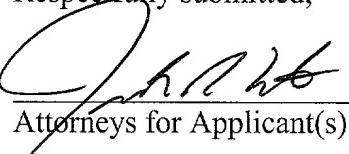
Claims 12-19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants amend the specification and cancel Claims 1-11.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. **50-1353**.

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